

I am in disagreement with this proposal.

I feel that Morse code is one of the best modes of communication, but I do NOT think it should be required as a test element. It is only one mode in many modes of communication and deserves no special treatment as a testing requirement. If we are to keep code testing, then we should require testing for all modes such as SSB, FM, SSTV, FSTV, RTTY, PACKET, PSK-31, CLOVER and all other modes.

While I do agree that Amateur Radio should be more learning than just memorization, I remember studying for a Novice back in 1974. The ARRL books had practice questions in the books. Many of those questions appeared on my Novice test when I took it. I don't feel that this is reason to change the question pools and make them harder. The questions used on the Technician test are harder than the Novice (entry license) test questions back in 1975.

I feel that RM-10868 should be turned down.

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